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ROCKY LANE WAS SICK--DELIRIOUS WITH FEVER--AND HIS STALLION, FOAMING AND ENRAGED AT MEN, WAS SAID TO HAVE CAUSED IT! THEY SAID BLACK JACK HAD HYDRO-PHOBIA--THE DREAD RABIES--AND HAD BITTEN HIS MASTER! ALL MEN TURNED AGAINST THE STALLION, TRYING TO DESTROY HIM IN ANY WAY THEY COULD!

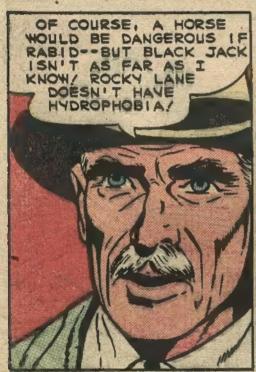
IN_ THE MAD STALLION

LOOK OUT/ IF HE
GETS NEAR YUH, YUH'LL
END UP DYIN' LIKE
ROCKY LANE/ THAT HORSE
HAS HYDROPHOBIA/

















NEITHER MAN WOULD EVER KNOWLINGLY CAUSE PAIN OR INJURY TO A HORSE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES -- BUT BOTH WERE BADLY FRIGHTENED!







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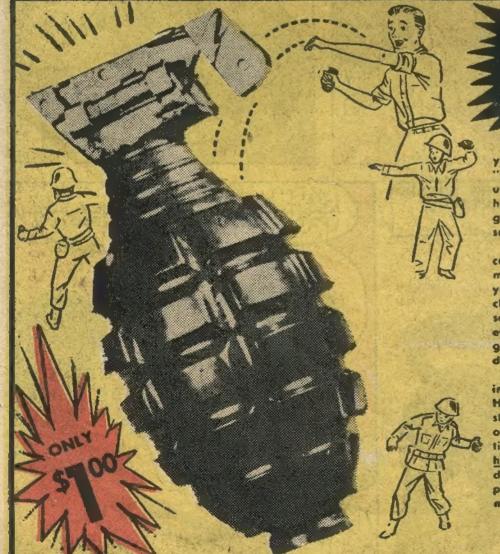
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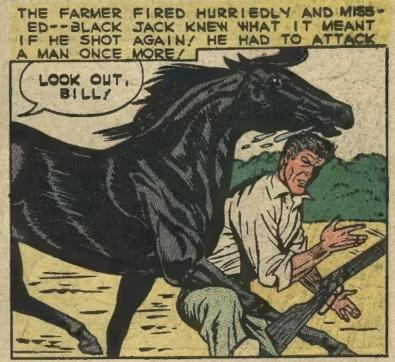
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A FARMER SAW BLACK JACK TWO DAYS LATER -- HE CAME OUT OF HIS HOUSE AT SUN-UP--BLACK JACK WAS AT THE WATER TROUGH, DRINKING!













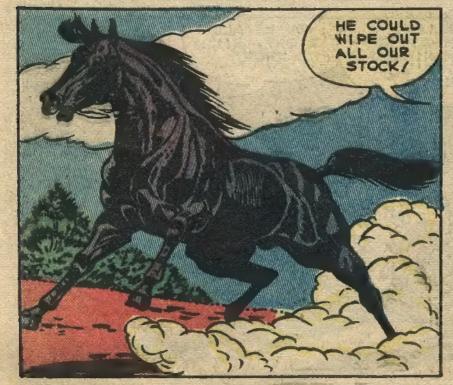


THE DOCTOR WHO TREATED ROCKY LANE KNEW IT -- A
FEW OTHERS DID TOO! BUT MOST MEN IN THE REGION
DIDN'T, AND BLACK JACK WAS HUNTED EVERYWHERE!



WE'VE GOT TO GET BLACK
JACK--IF WE DON'T;
HE'LL INFECT EVERY
HORSE ON THE RANGE WITH
HYDROPHOBIA!





I KNOW HOW TO TRAP HIM!

ROCKY LANE'S IN TOWN--HE'S

SICK! THAT HORSE WILL CIRCLE

AROUND AND GO THERE! WHEN HE

DOES, WE GOT HIM!



THE MAN WAS RIGHT -- BLACK JACK WAS THINKING OF HIS MASTER AS HE AVOIDED THE ROADS AND POPULATED PLACES! TROUBLED THAT ALL MEN HAD BECOME ENEMIES, THE STALLION STARTED FOR TOWN...

























SUE, SLIM AND

SOME SHOOTING

I first met John Seligman in the summer of 1925. I would say that he was then about seventy-three or seventy-six at the most. But a strong, healthy, fine looking man. In fact he had more hair on his head than I had on mine. He didn't mix with people in the neighborhood. We understood he was retired on some kind of a company pension. What brought us together? My younger boy was riding his bicycle and the wheel hit the street hydrant. The spokes were bent in and my son started to cry. John Seligman saw what happened and comforted

"I have a little workshop in the basement of my house," he said. "You and your dad come with me. We'll have that bicycle fixed

in half an hour."

That was the beginning of our friendship. He learned something more about me for, a week

later, he invited me over to his home.

"I understand you write western stories," he began, "Want some material? Yours for the asking. I was a cowboy out in the early days of the Southwest. Covered every bit of territory from Texas to Nevada."

So I listened with opened ears and a good memory. Here's one story he told, and I think

it is the best of the lot.

"I was working for the Bar-H outfit in those days. North of us was the mining region. We sold a lot of stock right in that territory. We were growing and that meant families and kids. So, soon, there was the problem of getting a school teacher.

Teacher was to get thirty dollars a month and board. Let me explain what they meant by board. She was to stay two months at each ranch. She would get her room, meals and a horse. That included the summer time if she wanted to remain there.

But we also had another problem. Stage agents were holding up the coaches that went between Bolton and Roger City. Not a clue as to their identity. The reward money grew larger and larger without any takers. In fact they even had two men from the Pinkerton Agency try to get a line on those road agents. But they, too, had to admit failure and went back to St. Louis.

Came the great day when the teacher arrived. It was June so it meant she wouldn't have to teach school until September. All the cowboys on the Bar-H Ranch began to spruce up. For that was the place where she was going to spend her first two months. We all rode into Bolton to meet the stage that was bringing her there. We never expected a gal so good-looking and nice. Must have been just twenty. Wore her blonde hair in a pig tail. And when she smiled you were willing to hand her the entire West as a present. Dave Garman, foreman of the ranch, came with a buckboard to the station.

We put her and her bags on the buckboard and about thirty of us escorted her right back to the ranch. That night there was a sort of party in her honor. Even some of the miners came to look at teacher.

"I think I will go to school," announced Jim Cartleight as he, too, fell under the spell

of school teacher, Sue Davonport.

It was hard for work to go on when she was around. One of the cowboys, called Slim, fell for her completely. Like a sickly cow he would follow her everywhere. Once he went and picked flowers and gave them to her. But he found the words stuck in his mouth.

"Thank you, Slim," she cheered him. "I do

love flowers very much."

The next day half of the territory started to pick flowers for teacher. But that stopped when word came that the road agents had struck again, killing the driver and seriously wounding the shotgun messenger. Sheriff Ben Simmons called a meeting.

"These three men in the gang must live

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around here somewhere. We got to get them this time. The reward money is now over ten thousand dollars. So you fellows go out and look for clues."

A few days later, Sue Davonport bought a stage ticket for Roger City. She wanted to go there to get some school books. When Slim heard this he managed to get a few days leave. He was going to follow that coach to see that no harm was going to come to his Sue.

It was a two day trip by stage and there were two other passengers in the coach. Everything was fun for the first half of the trip. Then there was a fallen tree on the road.

"Looks like a trap," warned the driver.
"I can smell it," replied Jake who was shot-

gun messenger.

They had to dismount from the stage to remove the tree. And they were scared. Then the three road agents appeared. There was no fighting or shooting. They got the bullion box and loaded it on an extra horse. The leader looked at Sue. "New school teacher. Don't worry, Miss. We won't rob you or any of the passengers. Maybe you should teach your students how to catch us road agents. They can't do it even with a hundred men."

The three men were about a quarter of a mile from the coach when Slim rode up. He heard what happened and was mad. He was

going after them.

"Don't," pleaded Sue. "They will be caught.

You will be killed or wounded."

But Slim was young, and in love. He wanted to prove himself a hero. So he chased the three road agents and got a bullet through his right arm in the shooting that took place. And Sue had to give him first aid. It made him feel better. He even got a kiss on his forehead.

"I'm goin' to marry you, Miss Sue," he told

her.

"You might have been killed. I said they

would be caught — and they will."

They went looking for those stage agents and then came bigger news. Slim and Sue were going to be engaged! So they prepared the biggest affair ever held in that section of the West. Everybody was invited and everybody

They had one safety rule: You checked your guns when you came into the Bar-H Ranch, for it was a big outdoor affair and it lasted more than a whole day. One thing they had was called "Congratulatin." You went up to Miss Sue and Slim and wished them all the good luck in the world. And, of course, you brought a present with you. This was put on a big table. That table almost fell down under the weight of the stuff the boys brought.

The next morning we all heard strange news. Ted Gaffey, Mike Harper and Lou Sellin had all been arrested by the Sheriff and his men. They were charged with being the three stage agents. On an old well on Ted's place they found the masks and a lot of bags carried by the different stage coaches. They found a pile of money under the floor boards in Mike's cabin.

And to think that those three had been at the affair! Nice peaceful fellows. Never thought they would have turned out to be stage agents—and killers. But how were they caught? Who told the sheriff about them? We figured it would be easy to learn this because somebody

had to get the reward money.

You can see the roof almost busted in when they learned that Miss Sue was a special agent from the Pinkertons. She rode the stage waiting for them to hold it up. Mask or no mask she got her clues. Looked at the boots worn by the three men. Smart enough to have seen a lot of boots so she could tell their sizes. And when they spoke she watched their teeth. One had a chipped tooth. One had spaces between his teeth. The third had an upper tooth missing. The sheriff knew who she was all along.

She married Slim and they left the territory. But she could have had anything for the asking. Some wanted her to be a judge. Others said she should be the first female sheriff. But she

was heap smart.

"I'm married now," she replied. "First job is to be a good wife to my husband. The reward money and presents will sort of give us a good egg nest to help us along when the years get lean."

"Thanks for the story," I told John Seligman. "I know an editor who will use it in his

magazine."

The old timer took a look at the clock on the mantel piece. Then he turned to me.

"Suppose we just have a little something to eat before you go. You know what I mean.

The old Western tradition."

I just wasn't hungry but nodded in the affirmative and smiled. He turned towards the kitchen door. I hadn't as yet met his wife.

"Sue, darling, get some of the strawberry shortcake you made. And a pot of your coffee. We have company and we'll all eat together."

"Yes Slim," she replied. "Give me ten minutes and the table will be set. I know you won't

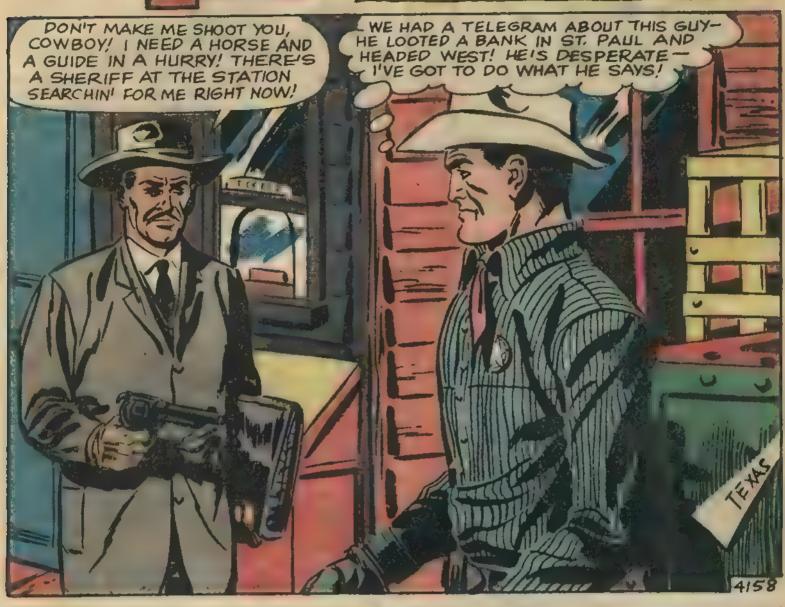
mind eating in the kitchen."

I got it in that flash — I now knew who Slim and Sue were! And by their voices I also knew that happiness and contentment must have been their lot all these years — either as Westerners or as Easteners.

ROCKSY

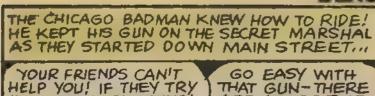
BLACK JACK BADMAN'S PRISONER

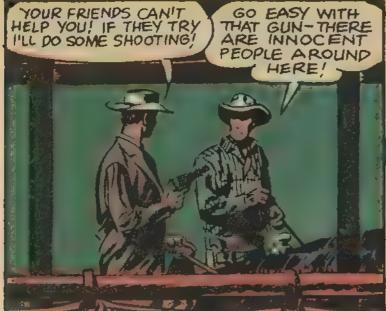
THE CHICAGO GUNMAN HAD A SUIT CASE FULL OF CURRENCY ,, , A DEADLY GUN... AND HE WAS DESPERATE! ROCKY LANE, SECRET MARSHAL, KNEW HE HAD TO WAIT FOR HIS CHANCE TO DISARM THE GUNTOTIN' TENDER FOOT!

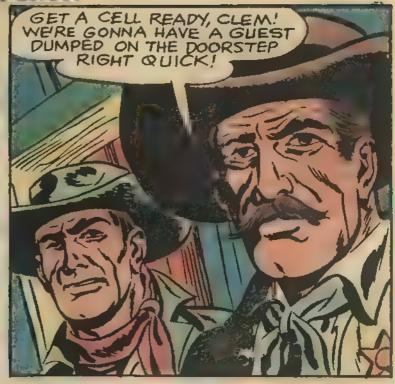


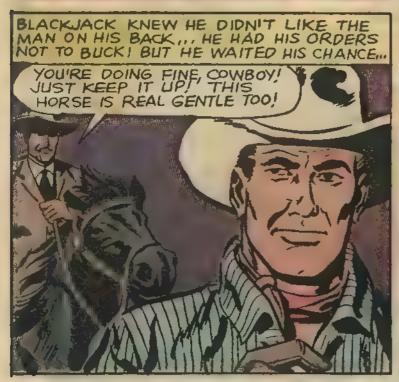




















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" THE SILVER - TIP OUTLAW

WHEN HALF ATON OF ENRAGED GRIZZLY BEAR MOVES IN, ANY ANIMAL IN THE MOUNTAINS RUNS FOR COVER... ANY ANIMAL BUT BLACK JACK! HE WANTED TO RUN... BUT THERE WAS A HELPLESS FOAL BEHIND HIM AND HE HAD TO STAND AGAINST THE MONSTER...



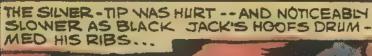
THE THOUSAND POUND SILVER -TIP LOOKED CLUMSY -- BUT HE WAS AS QUICK AS A SNAKE ...



THE STUNNED STALLION REELED, OFF BALANCE! THE GRIZZLY MOVED IN TO FINISH HIM OFF ...











THE GREAT STALLION WAS LAME, HIS SHOULDER ACHED AND HE WAS BRUISED FROM HOCK TO WITHERS...





THE STALLION HAD WON - HE'D SAVED THE COLT! BUT MORE THAN HIS BODY WAS BRUISED - THE GREAT HORSE'S PRIDE WAS



HIS RAMADA WAS IN DANGER AS LONG AS THE SILVER -TIP WAS AROUND ...



THE STALLION LEFT THE HERD AT DAWN -- HE HAD TO GO AFTER THE BEAR ...



THE GRIZZLY BEAR WAS HAVING THE MISERIES TOO -- HE COULDN'T HUNT OR FIGHT, HE COULD BARELY MOVE, BUT INSTINCT TOLD HIM IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO STAY THERE...



THE STALLION SEARCHED ALL THAT DAY --





BLACK JACK'S LEG HEALED QUICKEY... HE TOOK TIME TO BATHE IN A HOT SULPHUR SPRING-HIGH IN THE ROCKIES! IT TOOK THE PAIN FROM HIS BRUISED SHOULDERS...



HIGH ABOVE TIMBERLINE, BLACK JACK BEGAN CLOSING IN! THE GRIZZLY - TURNED - KILLER KNEW HIS ENEMY WAS DRAWING NEAR ...



BLACK JACK SPIED THE BEAR AHEAD -- HE CAME ON WITH A RUSH ...



THE STALLION LEAPED, HARD HOORS STRIKING QUICKER, THAN THE EYE COULD SEE ...



"AND MISSED! THE GRIZZLY MOVED IN-CREDIBLY FAST, DODGING TO THE SIDE...



...AND THEN, THE GRIZZLY WAS GONE ... DOWN ACROSS A SHOW FIELD, WHERE NO HORSE COULD FOLLOW IN THE SOFT DRIFTS...





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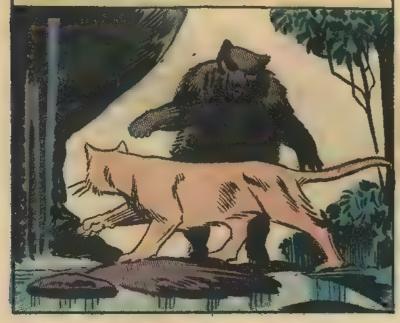
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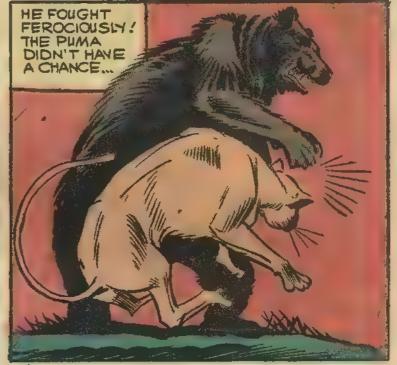


THE GRIZZLY WAS MOVING FAST TOO, TAKING ROADS THE HARD HOOFED STALLION COULD NEVER FOLLOW...



THE SILVER-TIP WAS HEADED FOR HOME --TIRED, MADDENED, EAGER TO BATTLE ANY-THING THAT STOOD IN HIS WAY ...





















MORE THAN HALF A TONOFFIGHTING BEAR AND STALLION BATTLED THERE IN THE MOUNTAIN MEADOW--AT STAKE WAS THE STALLION'S HERD! THE GRIZZLY HAD NOTHING TO LOSE.



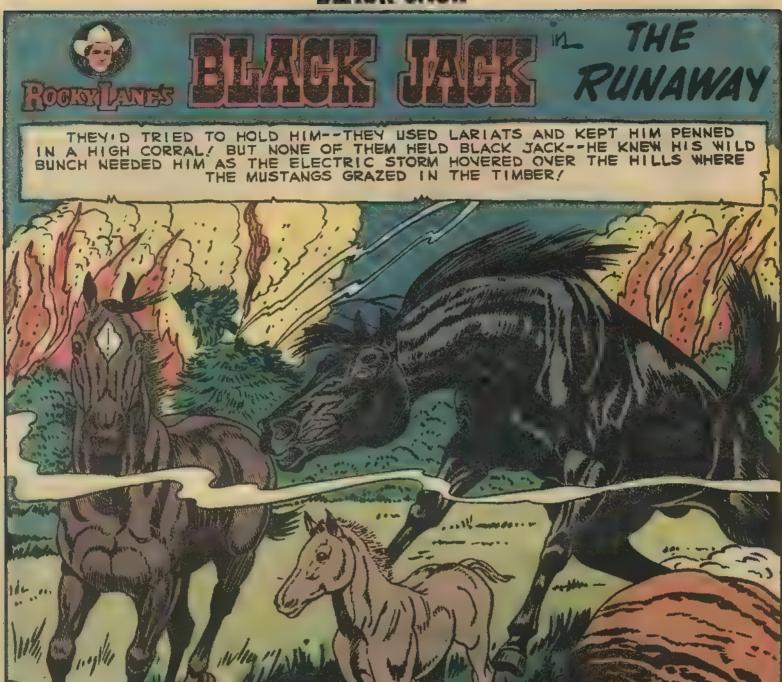


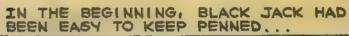
THE SMASHING HOOFS WON THE BATTLE -- THE SILVER -TIP, RUNNING ANKWARDLY, GOT AWAY AT A PAINFUL SHUFFLE ...



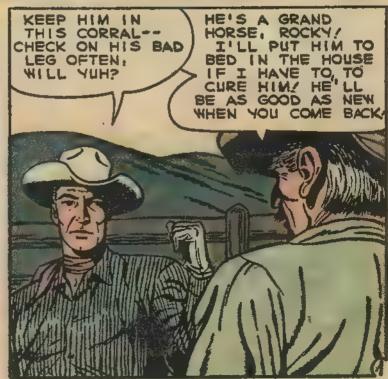
... AND BLACK JACK TRUMPETED THE VICTORY TO THE WORLD ... MS WORLD ONCE MORE! HIS FRIGHTENED MARES AND FOALS RE-LAYED. THEY KNEW THEY WERE SAFE! THE GRIZZLY NEVER DARED TO RETURN!













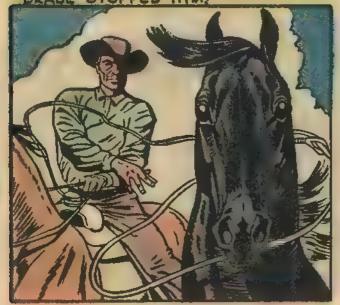


WHAT WAS IT? COULD IT BE THE BLACK CLOUDS ROLLING IN THE MOUNTAINS--BLACK CLOUDS LACED WITH LIGHTNING THAT COULD FIRE THE TINDER DRY FOR-ESTS BELOW AT ANY SECOND?





SUDDENLY: DESPITE HIS LIMP; BLACK JACK WANTED TO BE FREE! HE TRIED TO MAKE A RUN TO LEAP THE CORRAL BUT MIKE AN-DRADE STOPPED HIM!





THEY KEPT HIM TETHERED TO'A STAKE FOR THREE MORE DAYS OF HEAT WITH-OUT RAIN! MEANWHILE, BLACK JACK'S LEG WAS GETTING BETTER!





THEN, IT HAPPENED ... BLACK JACK USED ALL HIS TREMENDOUS POWER AND ...





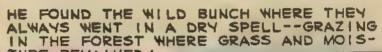


BLACK JACK DIDN'T HESITATE ONCE HE WAS FREE, HE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE HILLS WHERE THE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING RIPPED THE SKY!











THE MUSTANGS DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE... BUT NONE OF THEM CHALLENGED BLACK JACK'S RIGHT OR ABILITY TO MOVE THEM TO NEW PASTURE!



















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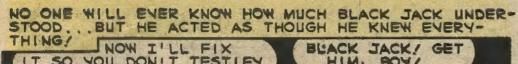




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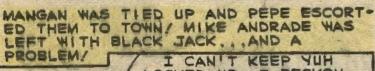








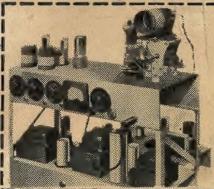












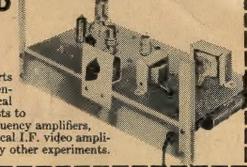
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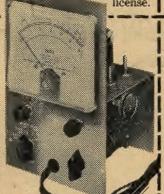
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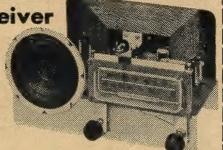
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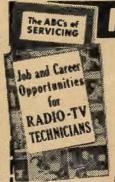
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